

Hardened Subminiature Telemetry and Sensor System

Several DoD agencies are engaged in a multidisciplinary effort to improve the effectiveness of inventory and developmental munitions systems while significantly reducing testing, training, and development costs. This program — the Hardened Subminiature Telemetry and Sensor System (HSTSS) Program — is generating a family of low-cost, configurable, rugged, and miniaturized technologies that can be assembled into a munition as an instrumentation or telemetry package. HSTSS leverages recent advances in commercial microelectronics to provide instrumentation suites as small as one cubic inch that survive and operate in the harsh environments experienced by gun-launched projectiles and tactical rockets and missiles.

HSTSS components include telemetry transmitter chips, data acquisition chips with programmable signal conditioning, inertial sensors leveraging DARPA microelectromechanical system (MEMS) sensors, and high-g high-density electronic packaging. The HSTSS devises will be available from commercial sources as finished modules, packaged integrated circuits, or bare die. HSTSS technologies are designed to be modular to promote integration into contractor designed and built munitions.

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